CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Little Duties.

I dare not pass them over,
The little duties mine,
Nor think the least unnoticed
By him, our Lord divine.

The task, however humble,
He gives my hands to-day,
Must surely for the present
All nobler tasks outweigh.

Enough to know He orders,
Enough to win his smile;
The most distasteful duties
Grow beautiful the while.

All lowly, loving service
To me seems strangely sweet,
Since the King, Creator, Savior
Once washed diciples' feet.

It must be grand and glorious
To do great things for him,—
We might see great in little
Were not our faith so dim.

I watch vast fields of labor,
Which other workers fill,
With deep and earnest longing
Like them for Christ to till.

Perhaps my single acre
Some precious seed may yield,
Which stronger hands will scatter
Upon a larger field.

God knows; and I am leaving
My life-work in his care,—
Without his aid and blessing
No fruitage can it bear.

But oh, to know my duty,
Then never from it swerve,
Or heed if great or little,
So I but truly serve!

—*Mrs. Mitchell.*

DEAR EDITOR: I never had written for the Children's Department. I love to read the little letters. I was sorry that there was only so few in the paper and I thought I would write one too. I liked the Children's Meeting very much. We have lots of work to do. We have lots of berries to pick and I have to make myself useful. So you may think that I am not like the broken knife. I want to be like the good knife and make myself industrious. I live two miles east of Canton. Well I must bring my letter to a close,

MARY E. HANG.

DEAR EDITOR: As it has been a long time since I have written. I thought I would write another letter for the Children's Column. Our Sunday school opened May the 16th. Joseph Sollenberger is our Superintendent. Lowry Walters, assistant Superintendent. My teacher's name is Miss Lizzie Myers. I go to the M E.. Sunday school at Mckees Gap. In the morning, and to our own at 3 o'clock. Sunday the 20th was Children's Day at the M. E. school. We had a nice time. Our new church is almost complete. We expect, if no providential interference, to dedicate, July the 11th. Then we will move our Sunday school out of the school house into the new church. I will close for this time.

MARY R. DELOZIER.

Mckees Gap, Pa.

DEAR EDITOR: It is quite a while since I have written for the Children's Column and so I thought I would write a few lines this evening. I have not forgotten the title, Jesus the Christ; the golden text, Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God; the Truth, Jesus is the Son of God. My papa is a gardener. The strawberries are gone and we must pick raspberries every day now. I enjoyed our Children's Meeting. I have not forgotten the Mouse Trap which Mr. Mason spoke about. Our school was out on the 11th of June and we had a picnic. I could not go, it was too busy a time. I am 11 years old. My sister's birthday was the 20th of June. I will close by asking a question. Who made iron swim on water. I live two miles east of Canton.

FLORENCE HANG.

With Hat in Hand.

The German language has many curious and happy ways of putting thoughts, and in this point has few equals among its sister tongues. Notwithstanding the rough and masculine nature of the German race, its people pay great attention to their relation with each other and with strangers. A pretty sentiment is expressed in that German proverb, a free translation of which would be as follows:

"With hat in hand
One goes freely and safely
from land to land."

Although the English version is clumsy, and lacks the beauty and terseness of the original German, the person who observes will see that the thought contained in the couplet given is a very beautiful one. It means that by due exercise of politeness, by being kind to others, taking your proper place and keeping it, you can win your way wherever you may wish to go. Politeness will open many a door which would withstand the greatest display of force. —SEL.

A Purpose in Life.

"What is your plan in life, Neddie?" I asked a small boy, turning from his big brothers, who were talking about theirs, and to whom he had been listening; "what is yours, Neddie?"

"I am not big enough for a plan yet," said Neddie, "but I have a purpose."

"That is good. It is not every one who has a purpose. What is your purpose, Neddie?"

"To grow up a good boy, so as to be a good man like my father," said Neddie. And by the way he said it, it was plain that he meant it. His father was a noble Christian man, and Neddie could not do better than to follow his steps. A boy with such a purpose will not fail of his mark.—*Band of Hope Review.*

A Pillow for Jesus.

A very little boy was one day reading to his mother in the New Testament. He came to these words, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath nowhere to lay his head." His eyes filled with tears, and at last, he sobbed aloud. At length he said, "I am sure, mamma, if I had been there I would have given him my pillow."—*Herald of Mercy.*

A Child's Explanation.

Wise heads have often been bothered about the origin of language. Many learned explanations have been given.

A little girl was wearying over her spelling-book. At last, in a distressful tone, she said to her brother, a few years older than herself, "Oh, Paul, where *do* all these lots of miserable words come from?"

"Why, Gracie, you duncie, don't you know? It's because people quarrel so much? Whenever they quarrel, one word brings on another, and that's the reason we've got such a long string of them!"

"I wish they'd stop it!" sighed Gracie; "then the spelling-books wouldn't be so big!"

Paul's explanation was funny, if not quite correct. One part of it, however, hit the mark. "Whenever they quarrel, one word brings on another!"—that is, another angry word. So better not quarrel. —SEL.

The Brethren Annual.

The Brethren Annual for 1886, contains besides the usual calendar, a Biography of Alexander Mack, and Daniel P. Sayler, author of the "Manditory Resolution," with portrait, a short history of the Brethren Church, by J. B. Wampler, School House No. 7 and the Arnold's Grove Conference, by H. R. Holsinger and J. H. Worst, with engraving of the school house, list of ministers of the Brethren Church important events of the year, ending Oct. 1st, 1885, reports from churches, and interesting miscellaneous matter. It is printed on good, heavy paper, nicely bound. It makes a document that every member of the Brethren Church will want to preserve.

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